

(a) whether Government have taken adequate steps to defend the constitutional provisions and amendments that were recently challenged before the Supreme Court of India; and

(b) if so, what are the important constitutional provisions under challenge at present?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Government has always been taking adequate steps to defend all the cases before the Supreme Court in which any constitutional provisions or any amendment has been challenged.

Rural/mobile courts

†461. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating setting up rural courts or mobile courts with a view to providing inexpensive fast justice to the villagers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where the above scheme is being introduced initially and the time by when it is likely to be started; and

(d) if not, details of the schemes of Government to provide inexpensive and fast justice to the villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

National Judicial Council

462. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill to provide for setting up of a National Judicial Council to probe any misconduct by a judge of Supreme Court or High Court;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.